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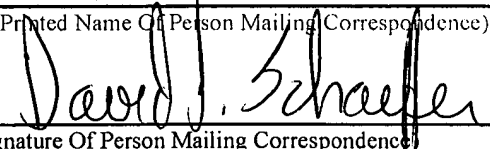
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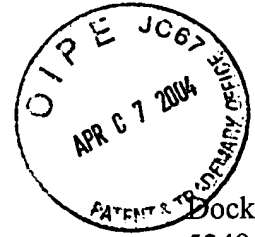
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The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a Search Report dated March 22, 2004, in European Patent Application 03 028 555.5, which is a counterpart to the instant case.

One of the cited references in the Search Report, JP 11-170558, already is of record in this case. Accordingly, that reference has not been cited again.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a suitable Information Disclosure Statement by Applicants form (PTO/SB/08A+B) identifying all of these references. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm that such references have been

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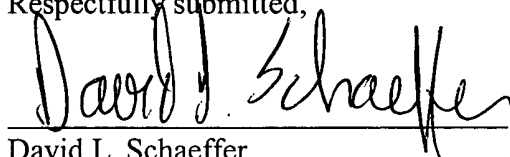
considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the Information Disclosure Statement by Applicants and returning a copy of that form to the undersigned.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action, and so is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). In the event an Office Action has been issued, Applicants wishes to submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1), and so a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) follows.

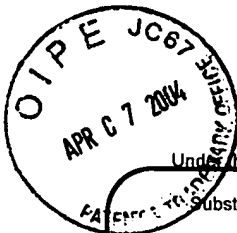
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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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